

SERVICE OF THE WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 24, 2021 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.
Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children's Bibles and activity bags
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Prelude from Suite #3, BWV 1009

J. S. Bach

David Carter, cello

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate” (ELW #722) ELLACOMBE



O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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***Greeting**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

- P** Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness
of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek
your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

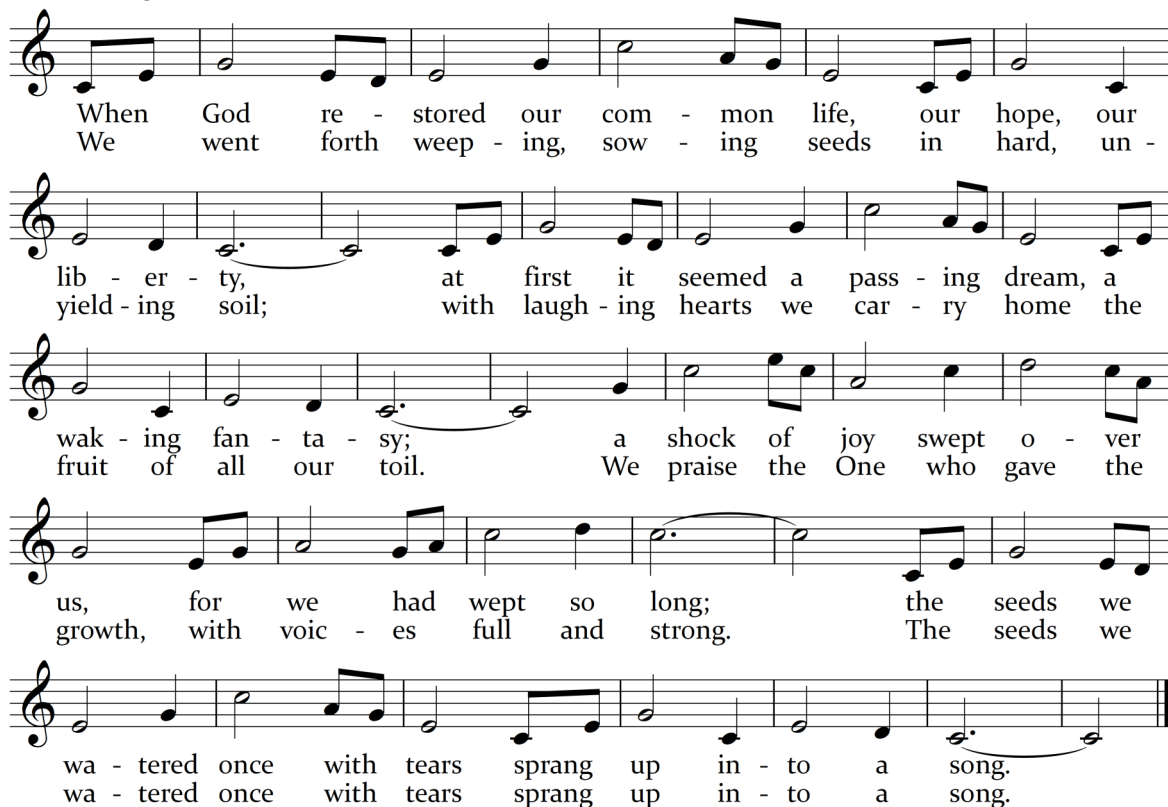
First Reading — Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”
⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 126, “When God Restored Our Common Life”

RESIGNATION



When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our
We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un -
lib - er - ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
yield - ing soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the
wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept o - ver
fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who gave the
us, for we had wept so long; the seeds we
growth, with voic - es full and strong. The seeds we
wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
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Psalm paraphrase: Ruth C. Duck © 1992 GIA Publications

Second Reading — Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Mark 10:46-52

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Mark Rydberg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (ELW #815) HOUSTON



I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to fol - low
I want to see ... the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
I'm look - ing for ... the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with
Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run ... with pa - tience the race, we
star of my life is Je - sus. In him there is no dark-ness at
show me the way to the Fa - ther. shall know the joy of Je - sus.
all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the
light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text and Music: Kathleen Thomerson © 1970, 1975 Celebration

*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

L Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

(8:30) Sarabande from Suite #3, BWV 1009

J. S. Bach

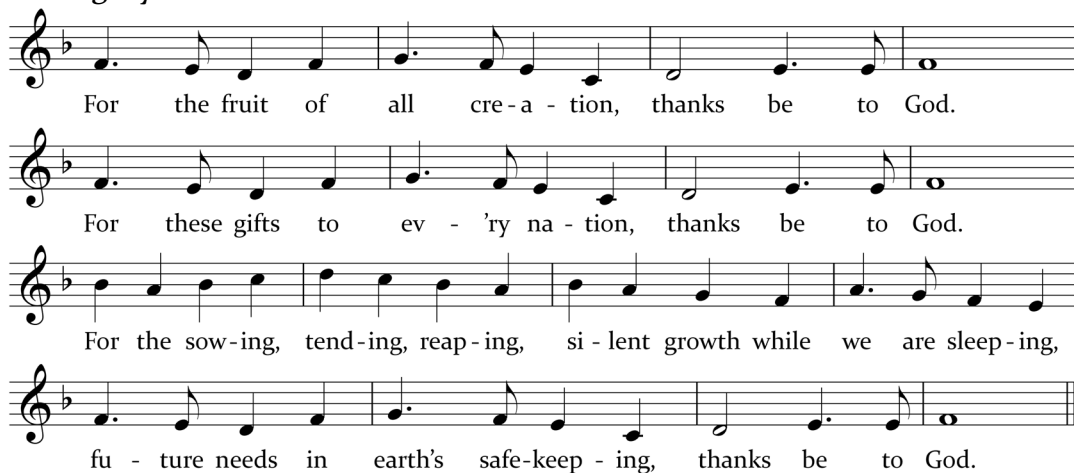
(10:45) "Our Song Shall Rise to Thee"

NICAEA, Sandra Eithun

Rejoice Ringers

***Offering Hymn — "For the Fruit of All Creation" stanza 1**

AR HYD Y NOS



For the fruit of all cre-a - tion, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.

For the sow-ing, tend-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep - ing, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green © 1970 Hope Publishing; Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams © Oxford University Press

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

P Holy God, mighty Fortress,
loving Redeemer, steadfast Comforter,
as vegetation matures in forests and fields,
your living Word undergirds all that lives.

C **We praise your eternal Word.**

In the words of the Scriptures you offer us Christ:
our refuge, our savior, our friend,
accompanying us throughout our years
and renewing us in love.

C **We praise your eternal Word.**

We pray for power from your abiding Spirit.
Strengthen us to stand firm in faith,
in devotion to your Word,
and in service to others.

C **We praise your eternal Word.**

To you be honor and praise and glory,
today and forever.

C **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

NETTLETON



Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: “Hith - er by thy help I’ve come”;
Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I’m con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d’ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d’ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, alt.; Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude — on NETTLETON

Marilyn Biery



Today, in an effort to mitigate risk of infection while offering the bread of life to everyone, we will hold brief Holy Communion liturgies in St. John’s Hall immediately following the 8:30 and 10:45 services. If you wish to partake in Communion, join us in St. John’s Hall for a time of sharing the bread and wine.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Rev. Mark Rydberg
Assisting Minister	Karl Hella
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cello	David Carter
Choir	(10:45) Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Tamara Jackman, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Todd and Connie Menssen, Robert Nyvall, Mark Rydberg

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Ministry Moment from the Stewardship Board

The Stewardship Board has put together some brief stories to share with the congregation. The following is this week's Ministry Moment:

Arielle Loy, director of the Alleluia choir and Sunday School teacher, maintained a connection with the preschoolers she taught by making weekly videos - you can view them on the St. John's website. It came as a wonderful surprise when, as she ventured out in the community, people of all ages recognized Arielle from her videos! In addition to bringing smiles to St. John's preschoolers, this video ministry has helped connect new families to the church.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Rev. Art Berthelsen by Rose Berthelsen. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Next available dates: November 7, 14 & 21. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Mary Beth Bremer by her family.

Beginning today, Holy Communion will be served indoors in St. John's Hall at 9:30 and 11:45 a.m. Communion will be served in the same post-service format we have offered outdoors these past several weeks. Those who attend worship in the Sanctuary, or who listen at home, are invited to come to the hall after either service. Please wear your mask in the building until you come forward to receive the bread and wine.

Affirmation of Baptism for 10th Graders

Next Sunday, October 31, 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Next Wednesday Night Meal

Wednesday, November 3, 5:15-6:15 p.m., St. John's Hall

St. John's Meal Ministry Task Force is working with the Safe Operating Task Force to plan the next meal in November. It is important for us to know how many of you will be coming, both for preparing the correct amount of food and to keep the hall a safe place to gather. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 28, by scanning the QR code or calling the church office. ***Sincerest thanks to the many people who worked to provide the first Wednesday Meal to our community in 18 months. What a joy to see the planning and effort blossom into nourishment and connection!***



Pub Theology Returns in November

Mondays, November 1 & 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We are currently wondering where and how we should gather as the weather gets colder. We think there are some viable options, and would also like to get your ideas about possible discussion topics. Scan the QR code to take a short survey. We will have more information about where we will gather later next week. Stay tuned!



Announcements (continued)

Courageous Conversations: “Moving Forward” - St. Olaf Campus Life

November 4, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Deanna Thompson, Director, Lutheran Center for Faith, Values, and Community

Alyssa Melby, Program Director, Academic Civic Engagement

Anja Dulin, St. Olaf Student

Learn how Lutheran values are supporting anti-racist action underway on campus, how these initiatives intersect with work occurring in the local community, and how anti-racist work in a predominantly white institution presents both challenges and opportunities. Please register at: www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous.



Children and Youth Ministries

MEA Break: Today we take a break from Sunday Children and Youth programs.

Children’s After School Programming (K-Grade 5)

Wednesdays, 3:45-5:15 p.m.

If you have any questions about programming, or can volunteer to assist, please contact Julie Brehmer, Director of Children’s Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

***Wednesday Parents - You are invited to come at 4:40 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, to watch K-2 and 3-5 graders perform their plays, “The Good Samaritan.” Grades K-2 play begins at 4:50 p.m. and 3-5 around 5:00 p.m.**

Confirmation & High School Youth Programming (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We will meet outside by the Commons doors. Pizza is served at 6:00 p.m. Questions about Youth programming? Contact Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families.

Catechism Retreat for 3rd Graders

Saturday, October 30, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., St. John’s

Third graders, along with parents, are invited to attend the retreat. The topic is an Introduction to the Bible. Each third grader will receive their own Spark Bible. Please call or email Julie Brehmer if your child is unable to attend.

It’s not every year Halloween falls on a Sunday!

Join us for a **Halloween Sunday school** on October 31 from 9:45–10:30 a.m. Children are welcome to dress up in their Halloween costumes, play games, and “Trunk or Treat” for Halloween treats! If you want to be one of the trunks for “Trunk or Treat,” send Julie Brehmer an email. (Decorating your car’s trunk and passing out a treat!)

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Day McLaughlin (mother of Jeff McLaughlin), Marland Madson, Rae Pearson,
Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings, John Bjorlie (brother of Ruthie Neuger),
Mark Wegner (son of Roberta Wegner)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Bev Mahacheck
Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim, Becky Ness, John Quam,
Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Eldora Sietz, Jim Thompson, Howard Thorsheim,
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Virley Brown, Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania;
Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 31):

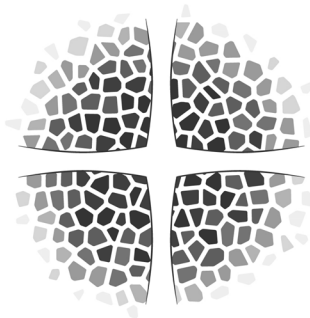
Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34 + Psalm 46 + Romans 3:19-28 + John 8:31-36

This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Oct. 25	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library NGC Grief Support Group, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Oct. 26	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers Training, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall I Cantanti Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Wednesday, Oct. 27	10:45 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Confirmation (Grades 6-8), St. John's High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), St. John's St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Oct. 28	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Communion at Three Links, Offsite Book Buddies, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Oct. 29	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Oct. 30	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Breakfast, St. John's Hall 3 rd Grade CAT Retreat, St. John's
Sunday, Oct. 31	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), St. John's Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), St. John's Parent Gathering, Courtyard Worship (Affirmation of Baptism), Sanctuary Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level CVRO Rehearsal, St. John's Hall



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.